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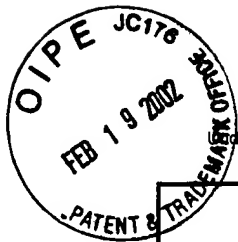
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- (1) U.S. Pat. No. 4,569,693 entitled "PROCESS FOR IMPROVING THE FLOWABILITY AND INCREASING THE BULK DENSITY OF HIGH-SURFACE AREA VALVE METAL POWDERS" issued February 11, 1986 to Albrecht et al;
- (2) U.S. Pat. No. 4,954,169 entitled "FINE-GRAINED, HIGH-PURITY EARTH ACID METAL POWDERS, A PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND THEIR USE" issued September 4, 1990 to Behrens;
- (3) U.S. Pat. No. 5,082,491 entitled "TANTALUM POWDER WITH IMPROVED CAPACITOR ANODE PROCESSING CHARACTERISTICS" issued January 21, 1992 to Rerat; and
- (4) U.S. Pat. No. 5,707,599 entitled "PROCESS FOR PURIFYING TANTALUM OXIDE AND OTHER METAL OXIDES" issued January 13, 1998 to Northway.

Enclosed please find form PTO 1449 and copies of the above cited references. This Supplemental IDS is filed to augment the IDS filed with the original application papers for this case.

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